



Come to Our Talent Fair in West Bountiful

The Talent Fair will be held in conjunction with the West Bountiful Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, June 28, 2008 from 10:30 am until 1:00 pm after the morning parade.



In case you missed the Talent Fair last year, here's what you have to look forward to this year!

We need entries for these areas:

Performing Talent

Sing, dance, play an instrument, solo or group, adult or child... we want to showcase all the abilities of our community.

Best Cookie of the Year Contest
Love to make cookies? Show them off and win a great prize!
Details are on the entry form!



Displayed Art & Crafts

Let's add to the beautiful displays of last year, such as fine arts like oil paintings, watercolors, sculpture, etc., photography, quilting, handwork, carvings, etc. We want to see the beautiful things you can do!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Visit the children's area filled with many fun activities: make a pinwheel, share a music experience, get groovin' and movin' with our movement activities, participate in a theater class, get your face painted and get the giggles out as Chef Hugo makes balloon animals.

Winners of the 2007 children's contest are pictured left!

Those Were the Days West Bountiful has Heritage of Fertile Land for Farming and Planting

At this time of year when we begin tilling the rich, dark earth for our gardens, planting seeds and waiting with great anticipation to enjoy the fruits of our labors, recall that many years ago this same earth was tilled, seeds were planted and fruits were enjoyed by the early citizens of West Bountiful.

In Daniel Wood's history he tells of how he rode all over Salt Lake and Davis Counties and finally decided that the soil in West Bountiful was the very best for growing any kind of a vegetable. Everyone in West Bountiful was a farmer when it was first settled. Irrigation was done with artesian wells and small mountain streams. The farmers sold their produce in Salt Lake City at the Grower's Market at 140 West and 400 South. The horses were hitched up at 2:30 a.m. and drove the load to market. A feed yard was provided to feed the two horses for \$0.50 a day. What a bargain! Returning home they would load up their wagons again for the next day. Someone was on the farm at home harvesting the crops to take to market the next morning. Finally trucks took the produce to market. The Market closed in 1972.

George Mann went to England on an LDS Mission in 1924. Before returning home he went to Spain and purchased one pound of Sweet Spanish Onion Seed. This seed was divided three ways—George C. Mann, one third; Dell and Wallace Noble, one third; and William Winegar, one third. They planted the

seed in 1926 and saved all the onion bulbs to plant the next year for seed. In 1928 the Sweet Spanish Onions were grown to sell in a big way. From about 1928 to 1938 the farmers shipped out 200-to-300 train cars of onions every year (a train car of onions was three hundred, one-hundred-pound bags or six hundred, fifty-pound bags). Dell and



The farmers and residents who plow and till the soil today enjoy the same fertile soil as our ancestors

Wallace Noble were the largest onion growers in the State of Utah. That is how Eighth West from Fifth South to 1600 North became known as Onion Street.

William S. Muir was the first person to introduce asparagus culture in the area. He settled in West Bountiful in the fall of 1849. The deep, dark, rich, black loam soil with a high water table was ideal for the growth and production of asparagus. There was no place in Davis County where the soil conditions were as favorable for the growth of asparagus as

in West Bountiful.

Watermelons were plentiful and large patches attracted the young people. One family had friends come from Salt Lake City to visit for a day or two. The boys took their new friend with them to swipe watermelons. He went reluctantly. They were caught and each one fined one dollar. The new boy was so embarrassed he stayed in his room all the next day.

Patty Sessions introduced the Blue Sessions Plum. William S. Muir brought radishes and asparagus; he also started molasses mills and planted poplar trees. Benjamin Ashby started raising broom corn, made brooms, and also made shoes. George Mann brought Sweet Spanish Onions.

In February of 1933 the farmers received the following for their produce: carrots, \$3.00 a ton; onions, \$.20 per 100 pounds; Hay, \$5.00 a ton; Beef, \$.03 a pound; and pork, \$3.40 per 100 pounds.

"Weeds are very prevalent in West Bountiful," Lewis Reed said, "When I make my world there will be no weeds in it." (West Bountiful, a Pictorial History)

Weber Basin Water Officers Free Water Check for Irrigation



Want a customized irrigation schedule for your landscape and know what type of soil you have and how to make your irrigation system more efficient? Get a free water check and you will learn how to efficiently water your landscape so you can have an attractive landscape and save water and money!

A water check is a series of tests on the irrigation system, performed by Weber Basin Water employees, to determine how much water the irrigation system is putting out (precipitation rate) the infiltration of water into the soil, and the distribution uniformity (evenness of the application of water). The Weber Basin Water employee also checks soil type, root depth and sprinkler pressure. The entire process takes about one hour and the homeowner is left with a customized irrigation schedule and recommendations to better the system.

The Water Check Program is a FREE service and is offered from May – August. To schedule an appointment, call 801-771-1677.